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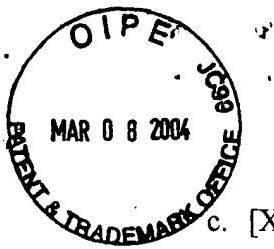
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- a.  a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
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- c.  the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 1-4,
  - d.  the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstracts,
  - e.  the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5.  A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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